

# STILL HOPING FOR PEACE BUT PREPARING FOR WAR, WASHINGTON IN TURMOIL

President Wilson Urges Congress to Clean Up Pending Legislation And Prepare the Way For Immediate Action Just as Soon as It Becomes Necessary for Him to Go Before That Body to Ask For Authority to Use All the Nation's Resources

## EVERY GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS BEING PUT INTO MOTION

Safe Arrival of Ships in English Ports Has Tended to Relieve the Tension in Washington Somewhat—Austria Has Not Yet Given Official Notification That She Subscribes to The German Declaration

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Still fervently hoping for peace, but taking every possible step to prepare the country for war if it must come, President Wilson to-day appealed to Congress quickly to dispose of all routine business, appropriation bills and pending legislation and clear its decks for action to meet any eventuality. The president wants Congress to act, if it becomes necessary for him to address it again and ask for authority to use all the resources of the United States to protect American ships and lives on their peaceful and lawful errands on the high seas.

The safe arrival of American ships in English harbors, reported this morning, brought an air of relief to the tenseness which has prevailed everywhere. Officials still hoped that Germany would not violate her pledges to the United States, despite her threat. All the officials realized that the situation had resolved itself into one of tense waiting and careful preparation. They realized that the hoped-against overt act may come soon or be delayed. Meanwhile they are putting every agency of the government in motion to meet it.

Apparently the next question of great moment to be decided relates to Austria's participation in Germany's campaign of ruthlessness.

While the officials refuse to admit Austria's formal announcement of her adhesion to Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare has been received officially, there is reason for believing it is now before the government and that appropriate action is being considered.

A resolution endorsing the president's action in severing relations with Germany was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Stone, emphasizing particularly the president's expressed desire to maintain peace. The resolution went over until to-morrow without discussion.

Arrangements are being made for all German consuls and consular officials in the United States to accompany Von Bernstorff and the German embassy staff out of the country. The whole party of more than three hundred probably will go by way of Cuba and Spain.

## WILSON INVITED OTHER NEUTRALS TO SEVER RELATIONS

American Diplomats in All Those Countries Have Been Ordered to Submit the Proposition and Report at Once.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Besides breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, President Wilson has made a bold stroke to range the moral force of all other neutral countries along with that of the United States in the interest of peace.

The president has suggested to all other neutrals that they break off diplomatic relations with Germany as the United States has done, and has instructed all American diplomats in those countries to report immediately how the suggestion is received.

The note reads as follows: "You will immediately notify the government to which you are accredited that the United States, because of the German government's recent announcement of its intention to renew unrestricted submarine warfare, has no choice but to follow the course laid down in its note of April 18, 1916 (the Sussex note)."

"It has, therefore, recalled the American ambassador to Berlin and has delivered passports to the German ambassador to the United States.

"Say also that the president is reluctant to believe Germany actually will carry out her threat against neutral commerce, but if it be done the president will ask Congress to authorize use of the national power to protect American citizens engaged in their peaceful and lawful errands on the seas."

of the world if other neutral powers can find it possible to take similar action. "Report fully and immediately on the reception of this announcement and upon the suggestion as to similar action."

## BRAZIL EXPECTED TO ADOPT ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES

Rio Janeiro Dispatches Say There Is Reason to Believe That Reply to Germany Will Be in Harmony with Wilson's Note.

London, Feb. 5.—Reuter's Janeiro correspondent says there is reason to believe that the reply of the Brazilian government to the German note respecting naval warfare will be in harmony with the attitude of the United States.

## HOUSATONIC SINKING WAS LEGALLY DONE

American Consul Stephens at Plymouth, England, Declares That Ship Was Warned and Provision Made for Safety of Crew.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The possibility that the sinking of the American steamer Housatonic will become a serious factor in the crisis with Germany apparently was eliminated yesterday by evidence that the attacking submarine acted within international law. American Consul Stephens at Plymouth reported that warning was given and provision made for safety of the crew.

London, Feb. 5.—The crew of the American steamer Housatonic has been landed at Penzance, England. The Housatonic was warned by the German submarine at noon and that, after Mr. Stevens sent the following telegram to the Associated Press:

"Total crew of 37 of Housatonic landed at Penzance Saturday. Vessel torpedoed by a German submarine 12:30 Saturday. Warned. Crew towed 90 minutes by submarine toward land."

Mr. Stevens telegraphed to Robert P. Skinner, the American consul general, that the Housatonic was halted by a German submarine at noon and that, after being warned, the crew took to the boats. The Housatonic was then torpedoed and sunk and the submarine towed the boats to a point off the English coast.

## RUSSIAN BARK MISSING.

The Garney Hill Is Believed By Lloyds To Have Been Sunk.

London, Feb. 5.—The Russian four-masted bark Garney Hill is believed by Lloyds to have been sunk.

## BIG STROKE BY GERMANS

Won Back Greater Portion of Trenches East of Beaucourt Recently Lost

## BRITISH FAILED IN HEAVY ATTACKS

Directed Blows North of Beaucourt in Afternoon and Night

Berlin (via wireless), Feb. 5.—German troops in a counter-attack yesterday recaptured from the British the greater portion of the trenches east of Beaucourt on the Somme front recently lost, the war office announces. The British failed in a heavy attack north of Beaucourt in the afternoon and in a second assault at night.

## GERMAN RAID FAILED ON SOMME FRONT DURING LAST NIGHT

French Made Incursions Into German Lines at Several Points and Did Not Suffer Any Losses, Paris Reports.

Paris, Feb. 5.—South of the Somme a German raid near Barleux last evening was repulsed, the war office announces. The French made several incursions into the German lines in the Chambrette and Point-a-Mousson sectors and in Alsace without suffering losses. Colmar, in Alsace, was bombarded by French aircraft.

German Raids on Russian Front. Petrograd, via London, Feb. 5.—The Germans are continuing their attacks in the north, the war office announces, but have made no gains.

## 17 GERMAN SHIPS AT MANILA WERE BADLY DAMAGED

Customs Officers, Aided By Navy Experts, Report—German Gunboat at Honolulu Fired.

Manila, Feb. 5.—Customs officers, aided by navy experts, have discovered that every one of the 17 German ships anchored here have been extensively damaged.

The naval authorities to-day seized the seventeen vessels. Honolulu, Feb. 5.—The crew of the interned German gunboat Geier yesterday set the vessel afire, according to the authorities here. The gunboat was of 1,604 tons, and was interned shortly after the war began. She was built at Wilhelmshaven in 1894.

## GERMAN PROFESSOR RESIGNS POSITION

Prof. Appellmann No Longer on University of Vermont Faculty, Having Resigned on Getting Word of Break Between United States and Germany.

Burlington, Feb. 5.—Anton H. Appellmann, head of the department of German in the University of Vermont for four years, a German citizen although having taken out his citizenship papers in the United States, resigned Saturday on receipt of the news of the severing of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany; and the resignation was accepted temporarily by President Benton of the university pending the meeting of the trustees on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

For some time there has been considerable feeling over the continued presence of Prof. Appellmann on the university faculty, and the alumni even went so far as to conduct an investigation of Prof. Appellmann's alleged activity in negotiations between Germans in Germany and in the United States. Prof. Appellmann had offered to resign, but President Benton was supposed to have him remain because of his belief in academic freedom of thought until there should come a break between the two countries.

Immediately on receipt of the news of the break, however, there was a conference between the two men, followed by the resignation and the acceptance of the resignation. Contrary to the rumors about the city, there had been no request on the part of the federal government or the university authorities for Prof. Appellmann to resign. The professor's connection with the university ceased Saturday although he will be allowed to use his quarters in Converse dormitory until the United States government has made a ruling regarding his case.

## ADAMSON LAW NOT DECIDED.

Supreme Court Takes a Recess Until March 5.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The supreme court took a recess to-day until March 5 without deciding the Adamson law test case.

## GERMANY WILL NOT BACK DOWN

Information from a Berlin Official Seems to Bear Out That Belief

## NO MODIFICATION OF THE ORDERS YET

Germany May Ask United States for Re-ratification of Old Treaty

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.—According to information from official quarters, there is no prospect of any modification of orders to submarines.

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.—Up to a late hour this evening, the United States embassy had received no official instructions in regard to the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

The news, however, was made known through newspaper dispatches and it is said that United States Ambassador Gerard has virtually decided to return to the United States from a Spanish port.

The plan to have American interests taken over by the Brazilian minister has been abandoned and it is not known who will represent America in Berlin after Gerard's departure.

The Associated Press learns authoritatively that Germany will propose to Ambassador Gerard a special re-ratification of the Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1812, allowing nations in case of war nine months in which to settle their affairs and leave the hostile countries. This step would positively insure Americans in Germany and Germans in America against internment if hostilities break out, and would prevent a precipitate exodus from either country.

A representative from the foreign office pointed out to the Associated Press correspondent that the ancient treaties are still in effect and that they contain a clause contrary to the usual rule that they should not be invalidated by the outbreak of hostilities. The official said that, so far as he had been informed, Germany would certainly hold to these treaties and there would be no question of internment of Americans in Germany in case of war.

## PINCHED BETWEEN CARS, CONDUCTOR MAY NOT SURVIVE

A. B. Sturgis, Central Vermont Employee, Was Badly Hurt at Montpelier Junction—One Lung Punctured By Rib.

A. B. Sturgis of Milton, a freight conductor on the Central Vermont railroad, was taken to the Boston hospital in Montpelier at an early hour this morning suffering from what were thought to be fatal injuries sustained when crushed between cars at Montpelier Junction. Ever since being taken to the hospital the patient has been unconscious.

Sturgis was on the end of a freight train operating at the Junction at 11:30 last night and the crew attempted to make a flying switch at the "y." The brakeman failed to throw the switch and the car, which was being shunted, came back on Sturgis. Several of the man's ribs were broken, and one of the ribs punctured a lung. There were other internal injuries. The man was at once taken to the hospital in Montpelier.

Sturgis has been working for the Central Vermont railroad for many years, having been employed as a conductor on passenger trains as well as on freights. He is 45 years of age and has a wife and two children. Mrs. Sturgis arrived in Montpelier this morning from her home in Milton, having been summoned immediately after the accident.

## WILL WAS ALLOWED.

But There Will Probably Be a Contest Over T. H. Murphy's Estate.

Burlington, Feb. 5.—The will of T. H. Murphy, late of this city, was proved in probate court Saturday morning, following a hearing at which several witnesses were heard. Margaret M. Quinn of Rochester and Katherine M. McLean of Montpelier, contestants of the will, did not introduce any testimony and the will was allowed on the testimony of the proponents. It is expected that an appeal will be taken in county court. The will as made by T. H. Murphy, drawn by Attorney C. F. Black, and witnessed by Dr. D. A. Shea, the attending physician, and the nurse in attendance, gave \$1,000 to each of his three brothers, Michael J. Murphy and C. A. Murphy of Burlington and E. J. Murphy of Winter Hill, Mass., and the same amount to his two sisters, Margaret Quinn of Rochester and Katherine McLean of Montpelier. A nephew, George M. Murphy of Springfield, also received \$1,000 and Mrs. Edith Hunt of this city receives a like amount. The remainder of the estate was left to his surviving widow, who was named as executrix. The contestants were represented by Rufus E. Brown of this city and J. Ward Carver of Barre. Mrs. Murphy, the proponent, is represented by M. G. Leary, V. A. Bullard and J. J. Enright of this city.

## MANY SHIPS ON HIGH SEAS

Steamers Philadelphia and Finland Have Reached Liverpool

## ST. LOUIS IS HELD IN NEW YORK PORT

The New York with 231 Passengers Left Liverpool on Saturday Afternoon

New York, Feb. 5.—The American line steamer Philadelphia arrived at Liverpool at 11 o'clock Sunday night, according to a cablegram received this morning by the officials of the International Mercantile Marine. The Finland, also of the American line, arrived at Liverpool at 8 o'clock this morning. Officials of the line announced that the steamer St. Louis would not sail from this port to-day.

The line received a cablegram to-day saying that the steamer New York, carrying 231 passengers, including many Americans, left Liverpool at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She is the first American passenger ship to sail since Germany promulgated her new submarine warfare. The New York is expected to arrive here next Sunday.

Twenty-six Americans were among the 68 cabin and 53 steerage passengers who sailed last night on the French line steamer Rochambeau for Bordeaux. There were 22 cancellations in the last two days. The Cunard liner Carnaria and the Atlantic transport line steamer Manhattan also sailed yesterday. The Carnaria carried 18 passengers. Passengers were not permitted on the piers to say good-bye to those sailing on any of these vessels.

Officers of the White Star liner Cedric and the Scandinavian-American line steamer Frederick VIII, which arrived here yesterday reported a scarcity of shipping in the lanes these vessels traveled. The ocean appeared to be deserted, they said. The Cedric did not sight a single ship from the time she left Liverpool and the Frederick VIII. passed only a sailing vessel one day out from New York.

## BIG POWER PLANT NEAR BRATTLEBORO CLOSELY GUARDED

Men Are Being Deputized to Protect the Property Night and Day As Any Damage Would Be Felt Over Wide Area.

Brattleboro, Feb. 5.—Sheriff Lord of Keene, N. H., arrived in Hinsdale, N. H., this afternoon to deputize men to act as armed guards of the big electric plant of the Connecticut River Power company between Hinsdale and Vernon, Vt. The plant will be under guard night and day. Damage to the plant would be felt as far south as Worcester and Providence.

## VERMONT BRIDGES GUARDED.

To Prevent Damage Due to the Break with Germany.

White River Junction, Feb. 5.—Owing to the break between this country and Germany the two important railroad bridges at this junction are to be guarded night and day by armed men provided by the United States government. Eight men will be on duty, two at each bridge day and night. All pedestrians with the exception of those who have passes, were barred from the use of the bridges yesterday and were notified that hereafter they must use the highway bridge.

The bridges in question are the one known as the northern bridge over the Connecticut river on the Concord division of the Boston and Maine, which connects this village and West Lebanon, N. H., and the Passumpsic bridge over the White river on the Passumpsic division of the same railroad.

These two bridges are important links in trunk lines between Boston and Montreal, P. Q., and the destruction of either one would be a serious matter if the rapid movement of troops or equipment from this section should become necessary.

The northern bridge has been used extensively to pedestrians for years as it shortens the distance to West Lebanon by more than a mile. The closing of the bridge will mean a great hardship to many persons who are employed in this village and have homes on the New Hampshire side of the river.

## GERMANY RELEASES AMERICAN PRISONERS

Report from Berlin Says That 72 Men Brought by the Captured Yarrowdale Have Been Set Free.

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London, Feb. 5.—Germany to-day acceded to the American demands for the release of the 72 Americans taken from ships sunk by the raider in the Atlantic and brought to a German port aboard the steamer Yarrowdale.

## FORD OFFERS FACTORY TO GOVERNMENT IN EVENT OF WAR

Automobile Manufacturer Declares He Would Operate the Factory Without Profit.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Henry Ford announced to-day that in the event of war he would place his factory at the disposal of the government and operate it without profit.

## FORMER PRESIDENT OF MANUFACTURERS, E. A. BUGBEE, DEAD

Well-Known Granite Man Passed Away Saturday Evening After Illness of More Than Two Years—Funeral Will Be Held Tuesday.

Eberty A. Bugbee, president of the granite manufacturing corporation of E. A. Bugbee & Co., passed away at his home, 109 Orange street, Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. He had been in failing health for two years and four months. Mr. Bugbee was a past president of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, a past grand warden of the New England Order of Protection in Vermont, and had been prominent in fraternal circles locally, being a Mason in advanced standing.

He leaves a wife, who was Miss Lilla L. Curtis, to whom he was married in Sutton May 20, 1885, and two children, Arthur E. Bugbee of Pittsfield, Mass., and Mrs. Jessie M. Douglas of Barre. Surviving also are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bugbee of West Burke; two brothers, Elmer S. Bugbee of Minneapolis, Minn., and Clarence Bugbee of Newport; a step-brother, Roy Bugbee of West Burke; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Lucy Cole and Mrs. Julia Brown of West Burke.

The deceased was born in West Burke, Feb. 20, 1864. His boyhood was spent in his native town and after attending the common schools, he was a student in Lyndon and later at a business college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1885 he came to Barre and was employed for some years in the plant of Jones Bros., where he learned the granitecutters' trade. In 1892 he formed a partnership with the late William S. Alexander and together they conducted a granite manufactory under the firm name of Bugbee & Alexander until 1906, when Mr. Bugbee purchased Mr. Alexander's interest. In January, 1908 the firm of E. A. Bugbee & Co. was formed and Walter P. Scott was admitted to the partnership. In January, 1914 the company was incorporated with Mr. Bugbee as president.

In his religious affiliation, the deceased was a member of the Hedding Methodist church. He belonged to Granite lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., Granite chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., St. Adalmar commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, and Mount Sinai temple, No. 3, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belonged to Barre lodge, N. E. O. P., and a few years ago he headed the order in this state. For two years he served efficiently as the president of the Manufacturers' association. Mr. Bugbee was a director of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co.

The funeral will be held at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body will be placed in the receiving vault at Elmwood cemetery. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

## WANT SUITOR TO RUN.

Socialists May Propose Him for Mayor of Barre.

Socialists in mass meeting at the Granite street auditorium Saturday evening reconsidered their original purpose to refrain from active participation in the city election and discussed earnestly several proposals to nominate candidates for all offices. Out of the meeting has grown an effort to fuse with laboring men on the candidacy of Fred W. Sutor for the mayoralty. If it were left to the Socialists of Barre, members of the English, Italian and Finnish locals, Mr. Sutor would be the mayor after Mayor Gordon's term expires. But party members are anxious to add to the strictly partisan support, and the word has gone out that an attempt will be made to get the endorsement of organized labor.

In bidding for labor's support, Socialists point to Mr. Sutor's position of prominence in the councils of organized labor in Vermont and the nation. He is president of the state branch, secretary-treasurer of the Quarry Workers' International association, and a member of the legislative committee of the state federation. At divers times he has represented his union at the annual convention of the A. F. of L. and has been active as a state organizer. Thus, it is to be emphasized when the party begins its appeal to labor. Just now a committee of labor men appointed at a labor mass meeting Friday night is under instructions to report at an adjourned meeting to be held in carpenters' hall Wednesday evening, and if the Socialists attain their ends, it is possible that the committee will report favorably on Mr. Sutor's candidacy. In any event, it is expected that friends of Mr. Sutor will make a bid for support in the Wednesday night meeting.

The Socialists are to have another meeting of their own in the Granite street auditorium Tuesday evening. Candidates for the mayoralty, aldermen and other offices will be definitely fixed. No opposition to Mr. Sutor's candidacy has developed, and his nomination on the Socialist ticket is a foregone conclusion. Likewise that of Gilbert Phillips, who was mentioned for the office of city clerk and treasurer at the Saturday evening meeting. In ward 1 potential candidates for the aldermanic berth are John Morozzi, William Mathison and Harry King. Ward 3 men who are mentioned in connection with the aldermanic vacancy that is to occur are Antonio Broggi, Andrew Young and Matthew Mikkonen.

## U. S. COLL. MALONE FOUND BOMB UNDER STEPS OF HIS HOME

Federal Collector at the Port of New York Reported to the Treasury Department To-day About Evidence of Crime.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Customs Collector Dudley Field Malone at New York reported to the treasury department to-day that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

## VERMONT WILL OFFER SUPPORT

Resolution Presented in the Legislature Pledges Aid to a Nation

## COL. REEVES WOULD RAISE REGIMENT

In Case of Hostilities Between United States and the Central Powers

The pledging of Vermont's most hearty support to the nation in the event of hostilities with Germany and the other central powers was incorporated in a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives this afternoon by Representative Dunham of Brattleboro. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, in the opinion of the general assembly of the state of Vermont, the president of the United States has exhausted every honorable means to preserve the honor and integrity of this nation, and has deemed it necessary on account of the persistent and long-continued violation by the German government of the fundamental principle of international law to sever diplomatic relations with the government of Germany.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the state of Vermont by the vote of its general assembly now in session hereby assures the federal government of its firm and unwavering support at this critical time in the world's history, and that it is the sense of the general assembly that this state proceed at once to the adequate preparation for any emergency that may arise so that it may respond to any call that may be made upon it by the federal government.

"And, resolved further that the secretary of state be instructed to send to the president of the United States a duly attested copy of this resolution."

Governor Graham to-day received the following offer of services from Col. Ira L. Reeves, president of Norwich university and until recently head of the Vermont National Guard:

"Should the outcome of the present international crisis result in call for additional troops from the state of Vermont, I have the honor to request that I be considered in connection with the first call. I would naturally prefer to raise a regiment, but if this is not practical, then I offer my services in any capacity connected with mobilizing troops."

## New Bills in the House.

By Mr. Belknap of Royalton, an act to appropriate money to meet disbursements required by Sec. 7 of No. 101 of the acts of 1915. (To appropriate money for disbursements made by the superintendent of the house of correction, as required by Sec. 7 of No. 101 of the acts of 1915.)

By Mr. Williams of Proctor, an act to authorize the village of Proctor to issue bonds for the purpose therein named. (May bond for \$75,000 for new high and other school buildings.)

By Mr. Clift of Middletown Springs, relating to dogs running at large. (Limits range of dog to premises of owner or keeper. Five-dollar fine for each violation.)

By Mr. Clift of Middletown Springs, an act permitting the killing of dogs found at large. (A person may kill a dog not securely muzzled found at large and unattended on land owned or occupied by him whereon are kept horses, cattle, sheep, swine or other domestic animals.)

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Colchester, an act to authorize the village of Winouki to refund outstanding sewer bills. (Authorizes the village of Winouki to bond not exceeding \$14,000.)

By Mr. Holbrook of Lemington, an act to amend Sec. 1 of No. 255 of the acts of 1915 relating to reimbursement of towns that have freed toll bridges between the states of Vermont and New Hampshire. (No town to be reimbursed until present toll bridges within such town and between states have been opened toll free.)

By Mr. Bundy of Manchester, an act to amend Sec. 621 of the public statutes, relating to warrants against delinquent taxpayers, omitting provision as to 4 per cent heretofore allowed for payment of taxes within 90 days. (Allowance of 4 per cent discount is cut out of delinquent bills.)

By Mr. Beers of Landgrove, an act to require the chairman of the board of selectmen of a town to furnish a bond for the town so providing aid for towns for repairing, building or rebuilding bridges, increasing the appropriation. (Increases state aid from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent but not to exceed \$400 on any one bridge.)

By Mr. Allen of Wolcott, an act to tax unlicensed motor vehicles. (Such vehicles to be set in the grand list when license has not been paid for nine months prior to April 1.)

By Mr. Frosty of Newport, an act to incorporate a city of Newport, a town of Newport and a town of Derby. (Creates a city of Newport out of territory heretofore existing within the limits of the towns of Newport and Derby; remainder of territory to comprise new towns of Newport and Derby. Provides city manager plan if the city so votes.)